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"Let us go on unto Perfection."

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FAREWELL TO ASHLAND.

Our move to Ashland was prompted by a desire to unify and concentrate the general work of the church. It was evident to us that this could not be done at Waterloo, Ia., where we previously resided. A church no stronger than ours must be content with few institutions depending upon the general church for support. It was and is our belief Ashland is the best place for the Publishing House so long as the church maintains a college there.

Upon our arrival we found that the members were not united in our Lord's work. It is not necessary to tell why this was so. Brother Garber was holding meetings every Sunday of each month at the home of his father-in-law and Sister Markley. The meeting being held in private houses would not, of course, be largely attended. This could not be otherwise than discouraging to the minister in charge. Nevertheless the organization was preserved in this way.

We were given a most cordial welcome by all of the members, and as previously stated in these columns immediately upon announcement that we would remain in Ashland and not attempt to go out over the Brotherhood on Sunday in the interests of the Publishing House, Brother Garber stated to the church that he would, by their consent, turn the charge over to us. He said he had worked there so long that it was impossible for him to create the enthusiasm and interest which some new man could do.

Feeling that we had the goodwill, and could certainly count on the co-operation of all of the members in anything which they felt right, we did in the name of Jehovah take up the work. We held our first meeting in a class room of the college. Between twenty and thirty persons assembled. This was about one-half more than anyone except ourselves expected. We always believed that both the school and the church could be built up by any one against whom no prejudice existed who would bring to it real faith in God and consecrated talent. Our faith grew steadily with each week's work.

The story of Brother Haskin's great revival there has so often been told that we shall not here repeat it. Of course we do not mean that it was great in number, but it was great considering the divided and discouraged condition of the membership to

begin with, and from the past history of the work in the city. Upon our return from Chicago after the death of our dear little Homer, a Sunday school and King's Children society were organized and from the first were a brilliant success.

The placing in immediate charge of the college such brethren as Miller, Rensch and Beal and Sister Berkely, and the location of Brother Gnagey there for four years in charge of the Publishing House is a larger and more rapid fulfillment of our aims, purposes and hopes than we had dared to expect. Our brethren cannot withhold their children from Ashland College on the plea that the Brethren influence does not dominate the institution. No church in the Brotherhood has such an array of reliable, substantial and attractive ministers as the Ashland City church affords. It will be a long time in our opinion before better influence can be had in the school and church than are there now.

Two things only will these brethren need to do to bring Ashland College to the pinnacle of success:

THEY MUST CO-OPERATE AND PERSEVERE.

It is impossible to expect a large attendance at once. Even next year will be too soon to reap the full reward of this year's work; but as certain as seed will bring forth after its own kind so certain it is that if these brethren will continue to work in harmony and for the glory of God they will in due time attract to the institution large numbers of earnest, enthusiastic students. May God richly bless them all and enable them to continue faithful in their work until the harvest time.

In saying farewell to our friends of Ashland it is proper that we should make personal mention of some who have comforted and helped us. In this list we want to name Brethren A. L. Garber's, I. M. Murray's, Dr. E. J. Worst's, J. T. Kolb's, Rittenhouse's and Sister Julia Brubaker. Sister Bertha Myers did heroic service among the young at the time of the revival and she was richly rewarded by seeing several most excellent young people come into the fold with us. Sisters Worst, Mary Kolb and Rittenhouse with all the others enrolled on the Ashland City church book have our most hearty thanks for their earnest efforts in helping to build up our common cause at

that place. Our church relations with you have been of the most pleasant character and we shall ever cherish the memory of your excellent qualities and the sweet services we were under the blessing of God permitted to hold together. The scenes of dear little Homer's baptism and the solemn communion held for him, are ever before us. You will therefore live in our memory so long as life lasts. Should we never meet again on earth to sing and pray with and for, and to comfort and exhort one another, oh, may we live to meet beyond this "vale of tears." Farewell.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Bro. Harrison's "Farewell" was too long to go on the editorial pages where it belonged.

Bro. J. O. Talley is at home, at Milledgeville, Ill., hard at work again. After conference he took a trip east to the Niagara Falls.

There is a whole arm full of copy on hand for the paper, awaiting the wisdom of the new editor to divine—some knotty and some not so.

Notice now to send all mail matter to THE EVANGELIST, ASHLAND, OHIO, and make all remittances for new subscriptions payable to THE EVANGELIST.

Bro P. J. Brown is recovering from a spell of sickness which kept him from Conference, which we think is the first one when it was handy to reach. We hear he is better.

This issue is a gathering of all sorts of matter, considerable of which is an accumulation left over after other papers were filled. We want to clear the desk for the new editor, that he may have room according to his strength, and you readers will excuse this cleaning up for the new administration.

Sister Harrison was called to her father's home in Lanark, Ill., last week before the paper was out, she took her final leave of Ashland. We wished she might remain among us. She is a sister of most estimable practice in life, and such we love to have among us. But thus so full of changes is life. Her stay among us was one of many griefs and some smilings of heavenly glory; but in all we sympathized, and may Jesus be her friend still.